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Allegiances

ThunderClan

Leader:

Bluestar - blue-gray she-cat, tinged with silver around her muzzle

Deputy:

Lionheart - magnificent golden tabby tom with thick fur like a lion's mane
Apprentice, Graypaw

Medicine Cat:

Spottedleaf - beautiful dappled dark tortoiseshell she-cat with amber eyes

Warriors:

Tigerclaw - big dark brown tabby tom with unusually long front claws
Apprentice, Ravenpaw

Whitestorm - big white tom
Apprentice, Sandpaw

Darkstripe - sleek black-and-gray tabby tom with piercing yellow eyes
Apprentice, Dustpaw

Longtail - pale tabby tom with dark black stripes and sharp ice blue eyes

Runningwind - swift tabby tom

Willowpelt - very pale gray she-cat with unusually bright blue eyes

Apprentices:

Dustpaw - dark brown tabby tom

Graypaw - long-haired gray tom with a darker stripe of fur down his spine

Ravenpaw - small black tom with a white dash on his chest, amber eyes

Sandpaw - pale ginger she-cat

Firepaw - handsome ginger tom

Queens:

Frostfur - beautiful white she-cat

Brindleface - pretty tabby she-cat

Goldenflower - pale ginger she-cat

Speckletail - pale tabby she-cat

Elders:

Halftail - big dark brown tabby tom with half of his tail missing

Smallear - gray tom with small ears

Patchpelt - black-and-white tom

One-eye - pale gray she-cat with one eye missing, virtually blind and deaf

Dappletail - once-pretty dappled tortoiseshell she-cat with amber eyes

ShadowClan

Leader:

Brokenstar - dark brown tabby tom

Deputy:

Blackfoot - large white tom with huge jet black paws and amber eyes

Medicine Cat:

Runningnose - gray-and-white tom

Warriors:

Stumpytail - brown tabby tom
Apprentice, Brownpaw

Boulder - silver tabby tom
Apprentice, Wetpaw

Clawface - battle-scarred brown tom
Apprentice, Littlepaw

Nightpelt - black tom

Queens:

Dawncloud - small tabby she-cat

Elders:

Ashfur - thin gray tom

WindClan

Leader:

Tallstar - black-and-white tom with a very long tail and dark amber eyes

RiverClan

Leader:

Crookedstar - huge light-colored tabby tom with a twisted jaw

Deputy:

Oakheart - reddish brown tom

Cats Outside Clans

Yellowfang - dark gray she-cat with a broad-flattened face and amber eyes

Smudge - black-and-white tom

Barley - big black-and-white tom

Prologue

The newleaf sun burned brightly in the sky, warming up the pelts of the ThunderClan cats as they watched two young cats fight on the dry ground, which caked their fur with dust. One of the cats - a large pale tabby - snarled and leapt at the younger ginger tom. But the small tomcat dodged the pale tabby nimbly.

They continued to fight, looking like a whirlwind of fur, until the ginger tom landed a direct blow on the tabby's ear, forcing him back to hiss in fury and pain. The ginger cat yowled in triumph and leapt towards the pale tabby. And once again, they began wrestling on the dusty ground.

The dust faded as the tabby grabbed hold of the ginger tom's bright blue collar that had a small golden bell attached to it, choking him. The ginger tomcat yowled a desperate yowl of fury and began to wriggle and thrash in attempt to get the larger pale tabby tom off of him.

Cheering and yowling chorused from the crowd of wild cats, making the atmosphere tense and excited. Finally, with a loud *Snap!*, the ginger tom was free, which sent the tabby tumbling away from him. The small ginger cat scrabbled up to his paws and shook his dusty pelt before glaring with his forest green eyes at the tabby.

The pale tabby was glaring with eyes of an ice cold fire, holding the blue collar between his clamped jaws. His left ear was torn badly and bleeding, and blood dripped down his lean shoulder and onto the dusty earth.

Suddenly, before either side could make a move, a thundering caterwaul was sounded, silencing the crowd of ThunderClan cats. A graceful she-cat with bluish gray fur - the sun turning it into a beautiful silver - padded between the two toms, their hostility showing in both of their eyes. Her piercing blue eyes fixed on the collar in the tabby's mouth, and she announced with a booming female voice, "The newcomer has lost his Twoleg collar in a battle

for his honor. StarClan has spoken its approval - this cat has been released from the hold of his Twoleg owners, and is free to join ThunderClan as an apprentice." The crowd of cats began to cheer, their voices louder than thunder. The pale tabby stared at his leader before dropping the collar.

The ginger tom stared at the bluish gray leader before nodding and stepping forward into the bright sunlight, allowing the sun to touch his fur and make it blaze like a fire.

The blue-gray she-cat nodded her approval and padded over to pick up the collar. She walked over to the ginger tomcat and dropped it onto the dusty ground. She touched his ear gently with her nose and murmured, "You look like a brand of fire in this sunlight. You have fought well." Then, the she-cat turned to the rest of the Clan and announced, "From this day forward, until he has earned his warrior name, this apprentice will be called Firepaw, in honor of his flame-colored coat!" The cats of ThunderClan whispered their excitement to one another before yowling their approval and acceptance. The tabby snarled and limped out of the clearing.

He fought well, the pale tabby tom confessed in his thoughts. *For a weak little* kittypet...